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Spanish Treachery Destroyed the Maine.

No Doubt Now Left in the Minds of the People of the United States on This Point.

THE LATE SECOND-CLASS BATTLESHIP MAINE.

THAT REPORT.

Inquiry Board Findings Made Public.

The Verdict Sent to Congress With McKinley's Message.

It Was a Submarine Mine That Destroyed the Maine and Sailors.

The Court of Inquiry is Unable to Fix the Blame on Any Person.

Copy of the Report Also Sent to Madrid—The President in His Message Says He Feels That Spain Will Institute a Course Both Satisfactory and Peaceable.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The president Monday sent the following message to congress:

To the Congress of the United States: For some time prior to the visit of the Maine to Havana harbor our consul general at Madrid reported that the advantages to flow from the visit of national ships to the Cuban waters, in accustoming the people to the presence of our flag as the symbol of good will and of our ships in the fulfillment of the mission of protection to American interests, even though no immediate need therefore might exist.

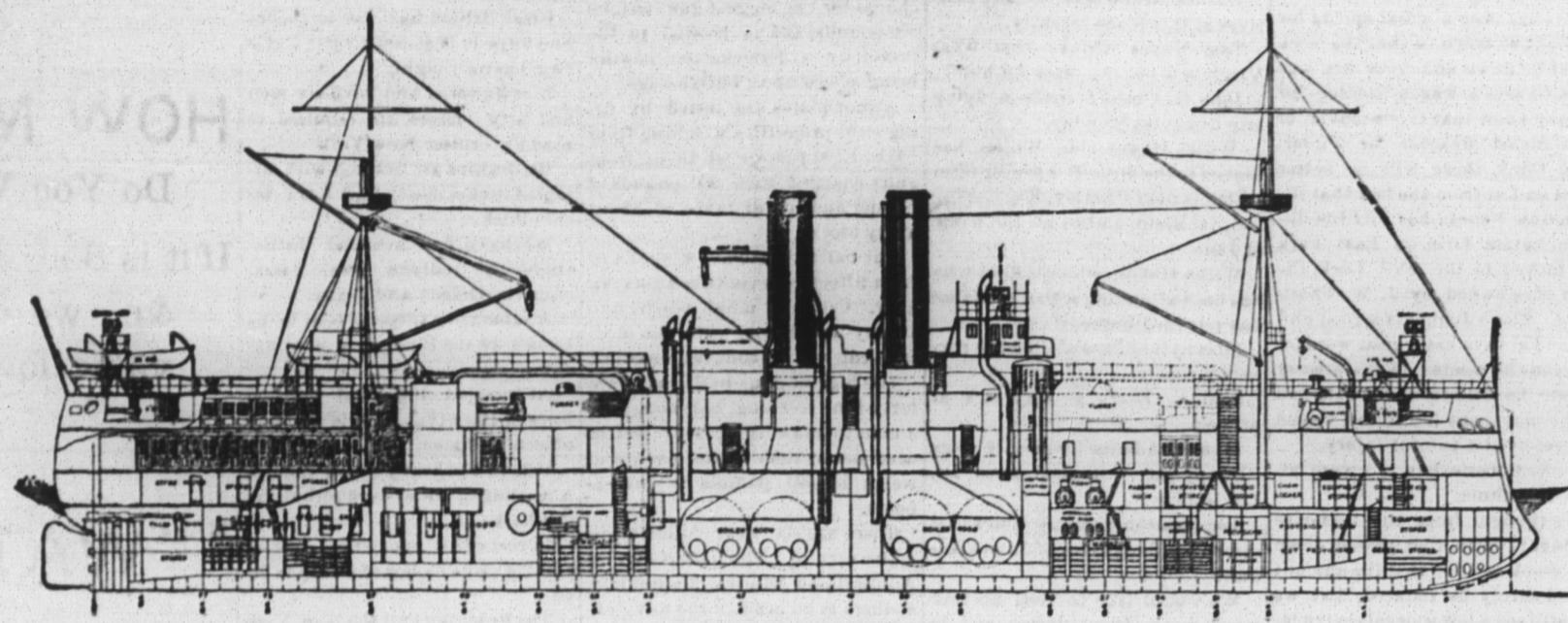
Accordingly on the 24th of January last after conference with the Spanish minister, in which the renewal of visits of our war vessels to Spanish waters was discussed and accepted, the consular authorities at Madrid and Havana were advised of the purpose of this government to resume friendly naval visits at Cuban ports, and that in view the Maine would forthwith be at the port of Havana. The announcement was received by the Spanish government with appreciation of the friendly character of the visit of the Maine and with notification of instructions to return the courtesy by sending Spanish ships to the principal ports of the United States. Meanwhile the Maine entered the port of Havana on the 25th of January, her arrival being marked with no special incident besides the exchange of customary salutes and ceremonial visits.

The Maine continued in the harbor of Havana during the three weeks following her arrival. No appreciable excitement attended her stay; on the contrary, a feeling of relief and confidence followed the assumption of the long interrupted friendly intercourse.

No incident was this, however, of effect of her visit that the consul general strongly urged that the presence of our ships in Cuban waters should be kept up by retaining the Maine at Havana, or in the event of her recall, by sending another vessel there to take her place.

At 40 minutes past nine in the evening of the 15th of February the Maine was destroyed by an explosion, by which the entire forward part of the ship was utterly wrecked. In this catastrophe two officers and 364 of her crew perished, those who were not killed outright by the explosion being pummeled between decks by the tangle of wreckage and drowned by the immediate sinking of the hull. Prompt assistance was given to the neighboring vessels anchored in the harbor, aid being especially given by the boats of the Spanish steamer Alfonso XII. and the Ward Line steamer City of Washington, which was not far distant. The wounded were judiciously cared for by the authorities of Havana, the hospitals being freely opened to them, while the earliest recovered bodies of the dead were interred by the military in a public cemetery in the vicinity of grief and sympathy extended from all official quarters.

Willingly and calmly fell upon the soul of our country with unflinching and for a brief time intense pain, which in a commanding and self-controlled spirit had led to hasty acts of punishment. This spirit, however, gave way to the calmer pro-



PROFILE VIEW.

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cesses of reason and to the resolve to investigate the facts and await material proof before forming a judgment as to the cause of the explosion.

If the facts warranted, the remedy due. This course necessarily recommended itself from the outset to the executive for only in the light of a dispassionately ascertained certainty could it determine the nature and measure of its full duty in the matter.

The usual procedure was followed, as in all cases of casualty or disaster to national vessels of any maritime state. A naval court of inquiry was at once organized, composed of officers well qualified by rank and practical experience to discharge the onerous duty imposed upon them. Aligned by a strong force of wreckers and divers, the court proceeded to make a thorough investigation of the spot, employing every available means for the impartial and exact determination of the causes of explosion. Its operations have been conducted with the utmost deliberation and judgment, and while independently pursued, no source of information was neglected, and the fullest opportunity was allowed for a simultaneous investigation by the Spanish authorities.

The finding of the court of inquiry was reached after 23 days of continuous labor, on the 21st of March, in-

condition a very few minutes after the explosion. The forward part was completely demolished.

Upon the evidence of concurrent external cause the finding of the court is as follows:

"At frame 17 the outer shell of the ship, from a point eleven and one-half feet from the middle line of the ship and six feet above the keel when in its normal position, has been forced up so that the surface of the water, therefore about thirty-four feet above where it would be had the ship sunk uninjured.

"The outside bottom plating is bent into a reverse V shape, the after wing of which, about fifteen feet broad and thirty-two feet in length (from frame 17 to frame 23) is doubled back upon itself against the continuation of the same plating extending forward.

"At frame 18 the vertical keel is broken in two and the flat keel is bent into an angle similar to the angle formed by the outside bottom plating.

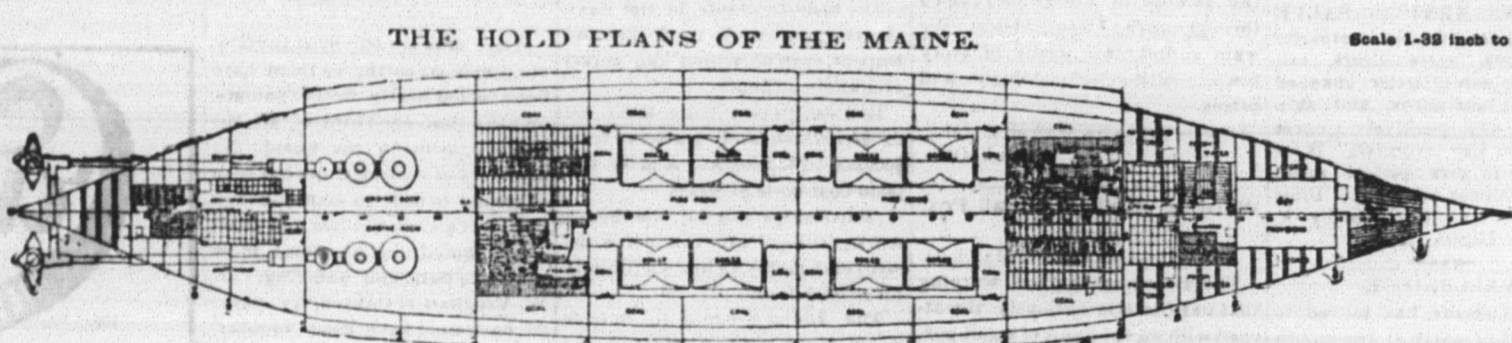
"The state of discipline on board the Maine was excellent, and all orders and regulations in regard to the care and safety of the ship were strictly carried out.

"All ammunition was stowed in accordance with prescribed instructions, and proper care was taken with which ammunition was handled.

"Nothing was found in any one of the magazines or shell rooms which was not permitted to be stowed there.

"The magazines and shell rooms were always locked after having been entered, and after the destruction of the Maine the keys were found in their proper place in the captain's cabin, everything having been reported safe at its normal position.

"On the opinion of the court this effect could have been produced only by the explosion of a mine situated under the bottom of the ship, at about frame 18 and somewhat on the port side of the ship."



THE HOLD PLANS OF THE MAINE.

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The conclusions of the court are: That the loss of the Maine was not due in any respect to negligence on the part of any of the officers or members of her crew;

That the ship was destroyed by the explosion of a submarine mine, which caused the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines; and

That no evidence has been obtained able fixing the responsibility for the destruction of the Maine upon any person or persons.

I have directed that the finding of the court of inquiry and the views of this government therefore be communicated to the government of her country, and I do not permit myself to doubt that the same of justice of the Spanish nation will decide a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two governments.

It will be the duty of the executive to advise the congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked.

There were two distinct explosion, with a brief interval between them. The first lifted the forward part of the ship very precipitately; the second, which was more open, prolonged and of greater violence, protracted by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines.

The evidence of divers establishes that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that

not explode at the time the Maine was destroyed.

The torpedo warheads were all stowed in the after part of the ship under the ward room, and neither caused nor participated in the destruction of the Maine.

The dry gun cotton primers and detonators were stowed in the cabin aft and remote from the scene of the explosion.

Waste was carefully looked after on board the Maine to obviate danger.

Special orders in regard to this have been given by the commanding officer.

There were dry alcohol and other combustibles of this nature, were stowed on or above the main deck and could not have had anything to do with the destruction of the Maine.

The medical stores were stowed under the ward room, and remote from the scene of the explosion.

No dangerous stores of any kind were stowed below in any of the other store rooms.

The coal bunkers were inspected daily. Of those bunkers adjacent to the forward magazines and shell rooms, four were empty namely: "B 3, B 4, B 5, B 6." "A 15" had been in use that day, and "A 16" was full of New River coal. The main deck from frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up, aft and over to the port. The main deck from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up, aft, and slightly over to starboard folding the forward part of the middle superstructure over and on top of the after part.

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CONDITION OF THE WRECK.

The evidence bearing upon this being principally obtained from divers did not enable the court to form a definite conclusion as to the condition of the wreck, although it was established that the after part of the ship was practically intact and sank in that condition in a very few minutes after the destruction of the forward part.

The first explosion was more in the nature of a report, like that of a gun, while the second explosion was more open, prolonged and of greater violence. This second explosion was, in the opinion of the court, caused by the partial explosion of two or more of the forward magazines of the Maine.

The following facts in regard to the forward part of the ship, however, established by the testimony.

That portion of the port side of the protective deck, which extends from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up, aft and over to the port. The main deck from about frame 30 to about frame 41 was blown up, aft, and slightly over to starboard folding the forward part of the middle superstructure over and on top of the after part.

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Are needed for success
Everywhere, Nerves
Depend simply, solely,
Upon the blood.
Pure, rich, nourishing
Blood feeds the nerves
And makes them strong.
The great nerve tonic is
Hood's Sarsaparilla,
Because it makes
The blood rich and
Pure, giving it power
To feed the nerves.
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Cures nervousness,
Dyspepsia, rheumatism,
Catarrh, scrofula,
And all forms of
Impure blood.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1898.

Leslie Combs, of Lexington, has
been appointed Pension Agent for
Kentucky.

Representatives Berry and Col-
son are among the Congressmen
who say they are ready to resign
and fight.

Naval officers who have talked to
Capt. Sigisby since his return from
Havana, are convinced that war is
inevitable.

The St. James Gazette, of Lon-
don, says Spain owes reparation
and humble apologies to the Amer-
ican Government.

Ocean vessels are said to travel
so many "knots" per hour. To
change this to miles multiply by
1.1516. For example, if the Iowa
goes 19.3 knots per hour the dis-
tance per hour is 22.22 miles.

"Fighting Bob" Evans has been
placed in command of the Iowa, one
of the best battleships in our navy.
He says if the Government will
give him a chance at the Dons
there will be no language but
Spanish spoken in hell for six
months!

Secretary Bliss reports an \$8,000,
000 deficit in the pension appropri-
ation for this year, and says, con-
tradiciting the Commissioner of
Pensions, that an increased instead
of a decreased, appropriation will
be required next year. The roll has
increased 90 per cent, since 1890.

Gun cotton, of which we read so
much these war times, is made by
immersing one part of cotton in 9
parts of nitric and ten parts of sul-
phuric acid, allowing it to remain
some hours and then washing with
a mixture of water and alcohol. It
is then carefully dried and press-
ed. Its explosive force is several
times greater than gunpowder.

CANEY FORK.

Wiley Webb has about comple-
ted his barn.

Miss Lucy Shepherd visited her
homefolks last Saturday and Sun-
day.

A large crowd attended prayer-
meeting at Brammer Gap on last
Sunday eve.

J. Hicks visited his parents Sat-
urday.

Born, to the wife of C. C. Green,
a 13-pound boy.

Mrs. Jos. Hicks has returned to
her home in Catlettsburg.

Died near here on the 22nd inst.,
Miss Laura McGuire, of consump-
tion. Also an infant child of Cam-
Carter's.

Willie Shivel happened to a bad
accident recently. He was clear-
ing ground and cut his big toe very
severely.

Milt Watson was smiling on his
be-t girl Sunday eve.

H. S. Haws was visiting friends in
Webbville Sunday.

T. N. Thompson will start to Val-
paraiso in a few days.

Ben Giles attended church at Olli-
oville Sunday. Blue-eyes.

IRAD.

The wife of L. C. Carter has been
very low but is better.

Dock Jordan, who is attending
school at Blaine, visited here last
week.

Mrs. Gee Prince visited relatives
at Birch creek Monday.

Miss Ethel Burton, of Carter
county, is visiting at this place.

N. M. Shannon made a business
trip to Louisville Monday.

Jim Brown and Charlie Carter
both wanted Moore but Jim got
less and Charlie got Moore.

Monte Rose visited homefolks
Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jennie Moore visited Misses
Dove and Rose Shannon Saturday
and Sunday. Crab-apple.

CUBAN CRISIS.

Thought to be at Hand. Con-
gress Grows Rebellious.

During the past week we have
had alternately a day of war and a
day of peace, but at the time we
go to press the crisis really seems
to be at hand. Congress has
grown impatient with the
President's failure to act, and on
Tuesday four resolutions were in-
troduced in the Senate declaring
war against Spain. Republicans
were taking the lead in the revolt
and it was thought Congress would
formally declare war on Wednesday.
McKinley and Reed strained
every effort, however, and succeeded
in getting another day's delay.
It required the extreme rulings
of which Czar Reed is capable to
keep down a vote on the question
Wednesday.

The storm broke loose after Mc-
Kinley's message accompanying
the report of the Maine disaster
was made public. It was a bitter
disappointment to Congress as it
contained nothing but a recital of
the verdict of the Court of Inquiry.

The Administration has kept
Congress and the public entirely in
the dark as to its doings in the
Cuban matter and this increases the
impatience, especially as no
improvement in the situation can
be seen.

The following dispatches contain
the latest information, and purport
to show what McKinley is doing:

Washington, March 30.—McKinley
waits on Sagasta and the diplo-
matic relations between the two
nations hangs trembling in the bal-
ance. On the Cuban question our
position is that Spain arranges
some time in the near future to ac-
cept Gomez offer to pay \$200,000,000
for Cuban independence; that an
armistice be entered into, during
which the Spanish troops are to be
withdrawn from the island; that the
reconcentrados be released im-
mediately and permitted to return
to their homes and that the United
States furnish them not only with
food, but purchase them farming
implements. Spain is considering
this in Madrid.

Another dispatch says: "The
President has submitted an ultimatum
to Spain. An armistice of two
weeks will be granted to Spain in
which to withdraw her troops from
the island, preparatory to disem-
barking for Spain. Then Spain is
asked to recognize the independ-
ence of the island. For this com-
plete concession Spain is to be paid
\$200,000,000 guaranteed by private
parties.

"Many believe that Spain is
merely temporizing until her flot-
illa lands and she is in a position to
defend her possessions.

The policy of the administration
is not to permit the torpedo fleet
to reach Havana and should Spain
insist upon going beyond Porto Rio-
co, it will be taken as an act of war
and treated accordingly."

The Spanish government wired
Wednesday afternoon asking this
government if it would consider
any other proposition to cease hos-
tilities save by the plan of total in-
dependence.

The President has wired that this
country would not. The final an-
swer from the Madrid government
is awaited with great excitement
at the State Department and at the
White House."

On Wednesday Reed pledged the
rebellious Republicans that within
in forty-eight hours the President
would be heard from on the inde-
pendence of Cuba.

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WALLBRIEJE.

George Wadkins has moved to
the railroad property at the mouth
of the creek.

William Vanhouse has moved from
our creek to Meade's Branch.

Lot Wellman visited Dingess last
week.

J. B. See, of Lick creek, passed
here Thursday en route to Thacker
W. Va.

Mr. M. E. See has been visiting
on Lick creek for the past week.

Bert Shannon, of Lick creek was
here Saturday.

Meek and Muney, cattle dealers,
were on our creek last week and
bought some fine heifers.

Gid Williamson, W. S. Chapman
and T. S. McClure were appointed
by the County Court last Monday
to review a road up 3-mile. We
hope to soon have a road that we
can travel with some satisfaction,
and we do hope that our citizens
will keep quiet and let us have a
good road.

Ab Patterson had the misfortune
to get one of his mule's legs bro-
ken.

Millard Chambers visited the
summit Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Evans
came up Saturday and arrested E.
L. Wooster, on an old fine and took
him to Louis.

Miss Nellie See is able to walk by
the aid of a crutch.

The foot-walking at Antioch was a
failure Sunday.

Uncle Jacob Peters, we are sorry
to say, has almost lost his eye-
sight.

Born, last Sunday night, the
wife of Rev. J. S. Peters, a girl.

Ike's Son.

The Palace Hotel, at Cincinnati
has greatly improved its table fare
lately and it is now the best hotel
for the price that can be found any-
where. All patrons agree upon
this fact. Another new feature is
the addition of the European plan.

A very popular departure has al-
so been recently made in providing
a private dining room on the sec-
ond floor, where meals are served
without extra charge. This is
much appreciated by the lady pa-
trons. The prices are \$2.00 to \$3.00
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CAT.

G. W. Shortridge, who has been
sick so long with that dread dis-
ease, consumption, is still linger-
ing, wasting away by degrees, and
while the physical man is sinking
he feels that the spiritual man will
rise triumphant. He is surround-
ed each day by a host of friends
who are living witnesses of the tes-
timony of the faith he has in his
God. It seems that each Christian
visitor brings with them a fresh
supply from the fountain of God.
The visitors around this sick man
bed seem to have a love feast and
time of joy as refreshing as at any
meeting and we entertain no doubt
that he will continue in faith to the
end.

It seems from the extremity of
the rain this season that we might
be bordering upon the coast of Lap-
land.

Farmers have not done much to
wards farming yet.

This has been a great spring for
moving; so much so that the cock
might lie down and cross his legs
when he sees a wagon coming for
he may know that it is a mover or
a Methodist preacher for dinner.

We think there will be better
times from Cat on the fact that lit-
tle Johnnie Fannin has sold his lit-
tle mountain farm on East Fork
and moved to the Fall Rock, the
farm once owned by J. W. Short-
ridge. Little Johnnie is a good chil-
dren and always has a good word for
everyone he meets. We are sorry
to note the misfortune his wife had
in the move, she fell from a wagon
and received a painful injury.

W. V. Roberts has a severe at-
tack of asthma.

We thought from the immense
amount of cattle that passed down this
creek last fall that the amount
would surely be reduced, but we can
still see a few poor calves trud-
ging down the road followed by G.
W. Calvin, Geo. Hanley and V. B.
Shortridge.

Andy and Jerry Cooksey, Harve
May and David Foster passed here
en route to the stock sale with a
fine bunch of young cattle, and
while crossing the creek near Wm
Shortridge's David Foster's horse
fell down in the creek and came
near being drowned.

W. V. Roberts passed up a few
days ago with a fine yoke of cattle.
Willis is a hustler.

James Kiser and Martin Short-
ridge were visiting at Burdine's
Haberdashery Sunday.

Maggie Harmon and William
Riley, of Webbville, visited home-
folks last week.

Charlie Roberts has returned from
an extended trip to North Jellico,
Tenn.

V. D. Harmon and family, of
Opossum Trot, were visiting his
brother and family Sunday.

F. H. Moore was visiting his
brother-in-law Jay Shortridge Sunday.

Two Neighbors.

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of the creek.

William Vanhouse has moved from
our creek to Meade's Branch.

Lot Wellman visited Dingess last
week.

J. B. See, of Lick creek, passed
here Thursday en route to Thacker
W. Va.

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The best salve in the world for
cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt
rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped
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eruptions, and positively cures
piles, or no pay required. It is
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BIG SANDY NEWS.

FRIDAY APRIL 1, 1898.

REMEMBER—we handle the old reliable *Limestone Flour*, *Sullivan & Kise*.

Snyder Bros. have clover and grass seed, and all kinds of garden seeds.

A considerable amount of timber has gone out and is being prepared for going out on the present water.

Gold Letter, Puffs and Perfectos are three brands of cigars that can't be surpassed. Sold at Conley's.

You can get bargains in table linen and napkins at the Eloise Improvement Company's store.

Miss Lucie Prichard, of Louisville, is receiving much attention as a guest in this city.—Ashland Daily News.

Mary Hale O'Dell Johns, color-ed, wife of Charley Johns, died at this place Friday night and was buried Sunday.

Snyder Bros. have a complete stock of coffins and undertaker's goods of all kinds. Also have a hearse and are prepared to attend to all the duties of undertaker.

Dr. V. V. Adkins, Dentist, is now permanently located in Ashland, Ky., over Pollock's Jewelry store, corner Greenup Ave. and 15 street. Phone 248. [Ap'l 17.]

FOR SALE:—The residence property in Louisville where Wm. Holt now lives. It is in good repair and will be sold at a reasonable price. Apply to this office or to William Holt.

Bacon, 5 cents per pound. Rolled Oats, 5 cents per package. Fire-proof oil, 10 cents per gallon. Fresh Kraut, 10 cents per gallon. These are a few samples of the prices at M. W. Chambers.

Engineer W. M. Hall, who was formerly located at this place in charge of the building of the N. & W. railway, has been assigned to duty on coast defense work near Newport, R. I.

Bishop Burton and Rev. Fleming, of the Episcopal Church, held confirmation services at the M. E. Church Tuesday evening. Miss Maggie Hatcher was confirmed. Bishop Burton preached an exceedingly able and eloquent sermon. The services were largely attended.

John Sturgill has sold the farm where he has lived for a number of years to John T. Jones. Mr. Sturgill will remove to his Greenbrier farm, we are informed. Mr. Jones will move to the Sturgill farm, and his son, V. E., will take the Jones farm on Lick creek.

John J. Simpkins, member of Congress from the famous Buzzard's Bay district in Massachusetts, died Monday. He was one of the owners of large boundaries of some of the most valuable coal and mineral lands in the Sandy Valley, which were prospected and purchased for them by Mr. R. M. Brooks.

Sept. M. G. Watson has returned to Webbville, where he has extensive business interests, but will visit Louisville whenever called by the duties of his office.

He will be at his office in Louisville on the second Saturday in each month, as required by law. F. H. Yates will keep the office open at other times.

BE SURE you get what you want when you ask for Hood's Sarapilla. Unsualled in Merit, Sales, Cures. There's no substitute for HOOD'S.

Medicinal Tonic. Brewed with Cinnamon, Candy Extract, and Camphor. Made by the F. G. C. Fall, druggist, Louisville, Ky.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

The New Law Prevents Election This Year.

The school trustees now in office throughout the State will also serve until June 30, 1899. The following extract from a letter from the State Superintendent of Schools in answer to an inquiry on this point, will be of interest throughout this section:

"This measure I find became a law to my surprise with an emergency clause, thus shutting off altogether any election for this year, the trustees to be elected next October not becoming officers until the 1st day of July following. Under this state of case, as you will readily see, the outgoing trustees for the present year will supply their places by appointment."

For the benefit of those who have copies of the old school law and care to know the details of the change, we quote the following sections from the new law:

"That section 72 be amended by leaving out the word "June" and inserting thereof the word "October," in line eleven."

"That section 74 be amended by striking out in lines eleven and twelve the words "the fourth Saturday in June," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the first day of June."

That section 81 be amended by striking out the sentence which reads: "Noteacher shall be employed until after the election and qualification of the new board of trustees."

HEAVY INCREASE

In the Valuation of Our Property Made By State Board.

The State Board of Equalization has placed a large increase in valuation on the property of Lawrence county, as used when last seen. A short time afterward a member of the family found him dead, in the same position. Death had evidently been sudden and without pain. He was 75 years old. A. J. and P. H. Loar were nephews of Mr. Curnutt.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

A movement is on foot to build a telephone line from East Fork to Louisville, by way of Fallsburg. Dr. Watson is at the head of the effort and he reports assurances of success from the people along the route. We expect to see the enterprise carried into effect without delay. It would give us connection with an important section and would almost complete the telephone system in Lawrence county.

WEDDING.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week a quiet wedding occurred in Louisville at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Berry, in which their elder daughter, Miss Nora, was married to Mr. Herbert Carr, of New York. Rev. D. H. Reid performed the ceremony, in the presence of the family only. The couple left on the afternoon train for Cornwall, New York, on the Hudson, where Mr. Carr is in charge of a fruit farm.

The bride was one of the brightest pupils that attended the schools of this place, and one of the most popular. Her modesty and pleasant disposition win the respect of all her associates.

Mr. Carr is a young man of high character and good education. He is a graduate of the agricultural and horticultural department of Cornell University and knows his business thoroughly.

The News sends its congratulations.

SACRIFICE SALE.

Ladies fine shoes, custom made latest styles, coin and pointed toes, worth \$2.50, now your choice for \$1.75. A. J. LOAR & CO.

NOTICE.

C. M. Crutcher & Co. are now conducting an undertakers' business in the old Gunnell store building.

C. M. Crutcher is agent for the Deering Ball-bearing Mower and PERSONALS.

Mrs. Hill (formerly Miss Grace Marcus) is here visiting her sister Mrs. W. D. O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace returned from Ashland Monday, where they have been for nearly a month.

R. S. Brooten, of Prestonsburg, was here this week.

Miss Maggie O'Brien left Tuesday for Valparaiso, Ind., where she will attend school.

H. C. Sullivan and wife visited in Catlettsburg and Ashland this week.

J. J. Johnson was in Catlettsburg Monday.

The school at this place is increasing in attendance and interest. . . . There is a fine tide in Big Sandy and Paint. The boats are doing a good business and the people are being greatly benefited.

One night last week two men came to the neighborhood of Flat Gap with Winchesters and visited a man by the name of Arnett in that vicinity. Next day the men, one of whom was name Arnett, were gone and a fine horse belonging to Hendrick Salyers and one belonging to Mr. Hannahs, were missing. Salyers, Hannah and others started in pursuit and found Hannah's horse tied up near Jesse Sparks'. A brief examination being made in the neighborhood, it

was found that one of Kazee's horses was gone. Mr. Hannah had been working his horse very hard and it did not travel to suit the thief. The party pursued and found the horses Wednesday, 22nd, hitched on the bank of Little Sandy in Carter Co.

The men had just crossed the river thus making their escape. . . . Four new pupils entered the Red Bush school on the 20th. Edw. Walter, Manuel Salyers, and Valencia Stipleton, of Flat Gap, and Joe Rowland of Morgan. . . . C. M. Black, of Morgan has gone home.

Scribbler.

A high tide is now prevailing in Big Sandy and the river is still on the rise. On Johns creek there has been the heaviest rains that have fallen for many years. The boom across that creek near its mouth gave way Tuesday about one o'clock and about five thousand logs floated out into the river. On Tuesday night dark another boom that had been placed across the creek a few miles from its mouth broke and four thousand logs floated out into the river. The creek is still rising and all floating logs are running into the river. . . . Lewis Blevins, an aged gentleman of this town, and known all over this country, as "Uncle Lewis," was stricken with apoplexy, at 3 o'clock Tuesday. He remained unconscious until death relieved him, which occurred Tuesday night. Uncle Lewis will be sadly missed. . . . Mrs. Garfield Stambaugh is very sick at this time, and her physicians have lost all hopes of recovery. William Hampton, of Muddy branch, was tried before Judge Literal last week for selling spirituous liquors in violation of law and fined twenty dollars in each of the two cases and more cases are pending. It seems that there are at least three whiskey dens in town and three on the Muddy branch, but the courts have rendered judgments against parties recently amounting to three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and costs. We hope soon to be rid of these whiskey dens. . . . Ann S. Rowland, who was confined in jail here and who has been a frequent boarder with the jailer for the last 12 months, worked himself into the confidence of C. B. Vanhoose, deputy jailer, and while out at work on the road last Saturday, fled from the deputy and is still absent without leave. Rockfellow.

April 6th has been designated as the day to hear a committee from this county on the subject. The County Judge has appointed Hon. D. J. Burchett and Senator J. J. Johnson to appear before the Board at Frankfort on that day to try to have the increase removed.

The Time of Renewal.

All nature is renewed in the springtime. The sky takes on a freshen color, the trees don their Easter garments, everything seems gay and happy. It seems a pity that at such a beautiful season so disagreeable a malady as the so-called "spring-fever" should unfit a great many people to enjoy the unaccustomed sunshine and freshness that prevail. What is spring fever? It is that sluggishness and irritability which everybody takes a spring tonic for. "Bad blood?" some people call it. A great deal of blood medicine is sold in the spring of the year. The blood, the vigor, and the health must be renewed, with the trees and flowers and grass. The principal difficulty is which of the numerous spring tonics is the best? Which will cure permanently and remove quickly all the disagreeable symptoms? Read what Mrs. Andin Adams, Crafton, Ky., says of Pe-ru-na: "I was about to give up all hopes when I decided to take Pe-ru-na. I believe it is the best medicine in the work. I can't speak too highly of it."

S. P. Ritz, formerly a typist for this city but for the past six months has been in Havana, returned to his home a few days ago. He states that matters are growing decidedly warm and concluded that discretion was the better part of valor. Consequently he left for more congenial climates—Huntington—Advertiser.

Never Stop.

A burglar broke into a store down in Greenup county, Ky., the other night, and carried off the cash drawer, which contained about seven dollars. But the store-keeper was a "Mule," and before six hours passed fifty-miles were after him. They pursued him to Portsmouth, and will probably bring him into the Gulf of Mexico or catch him. They never let up when one of their members is damaged. They once spent \$300 and put in a thousand days' work running down a thief who stole a two dollar saddle. They have never been known to give up until they have caught the thief and this will be no exception.

PAINTSVILLE.

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Rev. M. Curnutt is running two ox teams and is putting in some very fine timber.

Miss Ida Hewlett was visiting friends at Zelma last week.

Frank Crank left here last week for Ohio.

G. H. Skeens was calling on his best girl at Louisa Sunday night.

Mrs. Alma Skeens and Miss Nona Curnutt were out skiff riding on the back water last week.

George Clark passed through here last week going to Fallsburg.

L. B. Fuller has completed Judge Thompson's wagon and he is well pleased with it.

Robert Skeens is awfully proud of his big boy. He says he will make another Democrat.

George Skeens says if there is anything he loves better than girls it is more of them.

Guthy Curnutt says she is a lonesome since school is out.

Miss Ida Hewlett is still mourn-

for the absent.

Mrs. Alma Skeens and Mrs. Lura Blankenship were the guests of Mrs. Crank one day last week.

Wanted, by Walter Dalton, a fine horse to ride.

Misses Cynthia and Mergie Curnutt are going to attend the Normal of Fallsburg next week.

Mrs. H. C. Austin and daughter were visiting friends here last week. Burdine Thompson was here on business this week.

L. B. Fuller bought a fine horse, Miss Nona Curnutt was disappointed last Sunday evening.

Wanted, by Mrs. R. M. Curnutt some one to use her egg beater.

Three Children.

BRUSHY.

L. R. Swann wants to know if he can get a new whistler when he wears the old one out. . . . W. H. Adams was on our creek last Saturday evening enquiring for calves.

G. J. Moore bought a fine lot of tobacco from Arthur Adams last week. . . . Brack Holbrook and laundry were visiting E. J. Moore recently. . . . John Steel, while minding a cow for his wife to milk this week was kicked in the forehead and is now nursing a black eye. . . . W. R. Baker is advising the boys all to marry. . . . Misses Nola Gambill and Nora Boggs passed up our creek last week. Maggie Moore was visiting her sister Sunday. Russ Bishop is no better. . . . Tela Swann, who has been sick for some time, is better. . . . Russ Caudill says he is asked to ten works this week and means to help all. Minard Baker says he's love-sick this week. . . . Bascom Sturgell says he needs nothing but a woman. Skid.

BETTER than cure is prevention. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla you may keep well, with pure blood, strong nerves and a good APPETITE.

PEACH ORCHARD.

Died, on the 16, Wesley Hinkle, of dropsy. He leaves many to mourn the loss of a father and friend.

Also on the 20th, a small child of Lee Daniels died from a burn. It turned a boiler of hot coffee over on Friday and died on Sunday. We sympathize with the bereaved parents.

The revival closed here Sunday night with 51 conversions and 65 additions to M. E. Church South. This is the greatest revival that has ever been here, so say the oldest people of the place. It was aided by the Rev. W. R. Hunt and daughter. They are grand workers in a revival. The old and the young together were converted, the old members greatly strengthened and family altars erected in many homes.

R. F. Rice.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25¢.

For sale by A. M. Hughes and J. H. Reynolds, Louisa, Ky.

ROVE CREEK.

We are glad to note that Miss Rose Lambert, who has been quite sick for the past three weeks, with inflammatory rheumatism, is getting better.

Uncle Johnnie French fell one day last week and received some painful injuries.

S. G. Curnutt shipped a car load of spokes to Central City, W. Va., Sunday.

J. C. French, of Panther, W. Va., visited here last week.

Mrs. Frank Gilliam is slowly improving.

Rob. French was calling on his best girl on Bear creek Sunday.

John Hazelton, of Garner, was seen among his friends here last week.

George Hewlett, who has been very low with fever, is able to be out again.

